Sale of Mid-Day Meal rice to private traders

†2904. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) have been caught while selling Mid-Day Meal Scheme rice to private traders;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the crime branch has seized 18,000 kilogram of rice meant for Mid-Day Meal kept in a godown in Narela area in Delhi;

(c) the steps Government are taking for the constant monitoring of other agencies/NGOs engaged in Mid-Day Meal Scheme; and

(d) the action that have been taken against the guilty NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that two trucks bearing number DI-GB-1154 and DI-1 GB-4949 carrying the rice lifted by the NGOs/Suppliers under Mid-Day Meal Scheme from FCI Godown, which were taken to Narela for sale in open market were seized by the Crime Branch. An FIR No. 168/07 was lodged in the Police Station, Narela. The Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that a Departmental Enquiry to ascertain the facts is also being conducted.

(c) and (d) With regard to assignment of supply responsibilities to Voluntary Organizations, the Guidelines of Mid-Day Meal Scheme stipulates, *inter alia,* that:—

(i) The voluntary organization shall not entrust/sub-contract the programme or divert any part of the assistance (foodgrains/money) to any other organization/agency.

(ii) All accounts, stock and registers maintained by the voluntary organization should be open to inspection by officers appointed by the State Government.

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(iii) The Voluntary Organization should furnish Annual Report along with audited statement of accounts in terms of all grants received from the State Government, both in cash and kind, duly certified by an approved Chartered Accountant.

(iv) State Government may prescribe such other conditions, as they may deem appropriate in addition to the conditions states above.

For regular monitoring, the State Government have been advised to make arrangements such that 25% of Mid-Day Meal centers are visited every quarter.

Seat requirement to ensure quota system

†2905. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 54 per cent increase in the capacity of present education system is required to ensure quota system for backward classes in the educational institutions run by Central Government;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and whether Government have prepared estimates of the total amount required for establishment of the said additional capacity; and

(c) if so, the estimates of the funds required in this regard and the percentage of expansion and the funds allocated in education sector in the budget for 2007-08 are capable of carrying out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOUCRE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Increase in capacity of central Educaitonal Institutions is warranted so that the number of seats available in the general category does not decrease from the existing level during the academic Session 2006-07 while providing for reservations under the central Educational Institutions (Reservaiton in Admission) Act, 2006. The matter is, however, sub-judice in the Supreme Court of India, which

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